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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Each year students in Colorado, beginning in grade three, take tests required through the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP). The test results are used in different ways to monitor student learning, and to inform parents and teachers of student progress. At the state level, test results are a major element in district and school accreditation. In addition, the results are used to monitor student progress as stipulated in the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Assessments are given in February in reading for grade three students. In March, we will be assessing writing and math at grade three, reading, writing, and math at grades four and five, and science in grade five. The statewide assessment is considered an assessment of all students. Makeup tests will be needed for those absent; therefore, we request that you please try to avoid medical/dental and other appointments during testing times. For specific dates and times, please refer to our Tuesday Communication or our school website at <http://hopkins.littletonpublicschools.net/>.

In May, third grade reading results will be released. In August, the state will report all other grade level and content area results at the school, district, and state levels. Individual students will receive a score report on this assessment that describes their performance as *Advanced*, *Proficient*, *Partially Proficient*, or *Unsatisfactory*.

Details about the CSAP assessment are available from the Colorado Department of Education website at http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_home.htm.

Sincerely,

Drew Brueckner
Principal